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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM: Dave Gries

SUBJECT: Updated SSCI Covert Action Notification Procedures

SSCI Chairman Durenberger and Vice Chairman Leahy have finally signed the updated covert action notification procedures that have been under negotiation with SSCI staff for some time. The provisions agreed to are consistent with the draft version that you approved a few months ago. The NSC staff also reviewed and approved this document when it was in draft. Attached is a letter from Durenberger and Leahy requesting that you sign off at the end of the procedures in the space provided. I recommend that you sign, after which I will transmit a copy of the document with your signature to Durenberger and Leahy.

It will be important to have the updated SSCI procedures in hand as we try to avoid legislation that would impose a permanent requirement on CIA to report the transfer of defense equipment or services in excess of $1,000,000. The HPSCI has already included this provision in the House version of the FY87 bill. The only chance we have to delete it will be in the House/Senate Conference on the Authorization Bill. The updated procedures will provide Senate Conferees a reason to oppose the provision as unnecessary. Furthermore, we hope to negotiate a similar covert action reporting agreement with the HPSCI using the SSCI agreement as a model and thus eliminate the need for them to push this provision in Conference. We will restart negotiations with the HPSCI on this matter immediately following your signature of the updated SSCI procedures.

Attachment
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